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Re: Corrected Notification of Permitted Ex Parte

Presentation in ET Docket No. 93-7

Dear Mr. Caton:

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Attached please find two copies of a corrected notification of a permitted <u>ex parte</u> presentation in the above-captioned docket. The attached notification correctly indicates that the meeting referenced therein occurred on September 29, 1995, not September 27 as inadvertently indicated in our original notification.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Mr. Caton:

Scientific-Atlantic, Inc., by its attorney and pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1)-(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, hereby submits two copies of this memorandum providing notice of a permitted written <u>ex parte</u> presentation regarding the cable equipment compatibility proceeding (ET Docket No. 93-7).

Today at 1:30 p.m., Geoffrey G. Hammett and Stephen Clemons of Scientific-Atlanta, Inc., along with the undersigned counsel of Wiley, Rein & Fielding, met with Alan Stillwell of the Office of Engineering and Technology and John Wong of the Cable Services Bureau. The discussion provided background information in connection to Scientific-Atlanta's petition for reconsideration and clarification, filed June 15, 1994.

In particular, the discussion followed the attached written <u>ex parte</u> presentation (and attached video demonstration) regarding Scientific-Atlanta's new "Tape 'N View" product. This product provides special equipment that enables the simultaneous reception of multiple signals and fully complies with the requirements of Section 76.630(d) of the FCC's Rules. Specifically, this approach utilizes functionally integrated terminal equipment (employing two separate descrambler/decoder modules) that provides dual tuning capabilities through a single remote control and user-friendly interface.

Kindly direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Scientific-Atlanta Tape 'N View

Background Briefing

## Tape 'N View Description

- ◆ New product designed specifically to meet requirements of FCC section 76.630
- ◆ Similar to proposed "Set-back decoder" architecture: Two decoders integrated by communications protocol
- ◆ System architecture uses two identical terminal products in a client-server configuration-<u>software</u> integrates and defines functionality
- Server located on or near TV
- ◆ Client located on or near VCR

## Tape 'N View Product Features

- ◆ Meets <u>all</u> special equipment operational and functional requirements of FCC 76.630
- ◆ Allows simultaneous reception of any two scrambled channels
- Provides for tuning to alternative channels on a pre-programmed schedule
- ◆ Allows direct reception of all other signals that do not need to be descrambled

## Tape 'N View Consumer Friendly Features

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- ◆ Software based server-servant system solution provides user friendly interface
- Operational mode status provided on screen and on LED displays
- ◆ All user control facilitated by a single remote control
- Allows space efficient and flexible placement of decoder modules-near TV and near VCR

# Tape 'N View Deployment Advantages

- ◆ Does not require IR code changes
- ◆ VCR Timer capability built in
- ◆ Eliminates inventory complexity/cost
- ◆ Downloadable software for configuration
- ◆ Only requires connecting cable

# Single Package Solution

- Requires unique new tooling and product development
- ◆ All new control system, enclosure, chassis and power supply designs
- ◆ Several man years of engineering
- Cost recovery of engineering expense and tooling burdens very low demand product
- ◆ Substantial cost barrier to implementation: reduces consumer affordability and practical availability of dual tuner solution

## Tape 'N View

An option that allows subscribers to simultaneously view and tape separate scrambled channels.



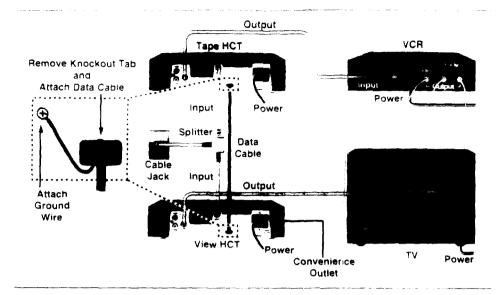


- ▶ Dual-tuner capabilities
- ► Tape a scrambled channel while viewing a separate scrambled channel.
- ► HCT's can be changed to Tape N View configuration from System Manager, simplifying inventory requirements.

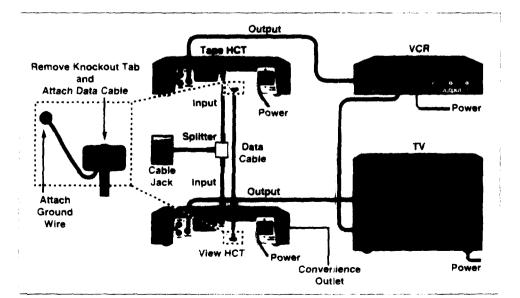


#### Tape 'N View

#### **Common connection options**



Output VCR Tape HCT Remove Knockout Tab and Attach Data Cable Input Splitter A/B Data TV **Switch** Cable Cable Input **Output** Attach Ground Wire Power Convenience **Outlet** 



Tape N View offers dua, runer capabilisties. Subscribers can tape one channel, while viewing another channel, when one or both channels are scrambied. The Tape 'N View data cable connects two 8600. Home Communications Terminals together. Both HCT's are standard products so it provides the cable operator with greater inventory and installation flexibility.

### For more information, call 800-722-2009.

Ordering Information: Model Name: 8600XTNP Part Number: 538348





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